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For: SOCKET FOR TESTING A)
 SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A)
 CONNECTING SHEET USED FOR THE)
 SAME)

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The references cited herein were cited in copending Application No. 09/686,981.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of the foreign documents cited is enclosed.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,069,481
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,954,878
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,691,041
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,475,317
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,892,245
6. JP 10-208835
7. JP 2000-91048

A statement of relevancy of the Japanese references is also enclosed.

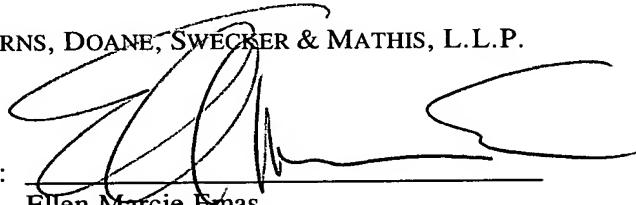
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